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NEW YORK CONSERVATIONIST NAMED ASSISTANT TO FISH AND WILDLIFE DIRECTOR

Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay today announced the appointment of Robert A. Wells, former secretary of the New York State Department of Conservation, as assistant to the director of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

A newspaperman and conservation writer for 20 years before joining the New York Department of Conservation in 1946, Wells will advise and assist the Fish and Wildlife Service director in many phases of the activities necessary to a progressive program of fish and game development and conservation, Secretary McKay said.

Wells joined the staff of the Watertown, N. Y., Daily Times in 1926, and later became State editor of that newspaper.

He was one of the organizers of the Northeastern Waterfowl Association, which has been credited with effective work in the preservation of waterfowl in the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River region, Secretary McKay commented.

As secretary of the New York State agency, Wells was identified with a conservation organization regarded as one of the Nation's outstanding groups in this field. His duties with the State agency embraced all phases of conservation activity.

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